

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW TELEPHONE TECHNOLOGY FOR RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether to improve the rural telephone system the Government have decided to change the old telephone technology;
- (b) if so, the number of such villages in Bihar and Jharkhand wherein the new technology telephone is to be made available;
- (c) the number of villages wherein new technology telephone have been installed by December, 2001; and
- (d) the time by which this will be introduced in the remaining villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has already inducted new technologies like Wireless in Local Loop(WLL), C-DOT TDMA/PMP and satellite for improving the rural telephone system.
- (b) 20684 and 18616 villages are planned to be provided with telecom facility on new technology in Bihar and Jharkhand states respectively.
- (c) New technology based Village Public Telephones(VPTs) have been installed in 4025 and 2750 villages of Bihar and Jharkhand respectively by 31.12.2001.
- (d) Remaining villages are planned to be provided with telecom facility by December, 2002 subject to availability of funds and materials.